

# Treasure State Cutting Horse Association (TSCHA)

## Procedures, Policies and Legal Guidelines

### Procedures

- ❖ A substantial amount of time, effort and planning go into the preparation and execution of all our shows. This includes, securing the facility, ordering cattle, hiring a Judge, Announcer, Show Secretary, etc. All this is handled well prior to shows. TSCHA contracts with a supplier for cattle and MUST give a final count based on fresh cattle Pre-Entries the Friday (**one week**) prior to each show.

### Policies

- ❖ TSCHA works on the honor system. We do not track rider or horse earnings so it is expected that TSCHA members will enter classes that both horse and rider are qualified for based on the criteria stated in our Show Rules. *Riders are expected to give the horse's registered name when they enter a show to maintain consistent records.*
- ❖ Show Cancellation due to adverse weather conditions. The latest notice the TSCHA board will give for any cancellation will be Friday morning for a Saturday show or Saturday morning for a Sunday show. Due consideration will be given for weather, geographic location, facility conditions, contestants, vendors and attendants. *All Board members will make the determination prior to any announcements to the membership.*
- ❖ **Fresh Pre-Entries close the Friday (one week) prior to the show at 9:00 p.m.** If a member enters a fresh cattle class after the entry deadline, but before the draw, a **\$15 late fee will be charged**. If a member makes an entry *change* after the cattle are ordered but before the draw, and those changes do not affect the number of fresh cattle ordered and paid for, there is no additional charge to the member. Used cattle classes do not require pre-entry, but entries must be made before the draw. If contestant cancels after the draw in TSCHA event, there will be no refund.
- ❖ Any member that has pre-entered for a fresh cattle class by the stated entry deadline and cancels within 48 hours of the start of the show, is responsible to cover the association's cost of the fresh cattle that were secured/delivered for their entry/entries.
- ❖ No Shows – if a rider enters one or more fresh cattle classes, then does not ride to the herd in their class(es), they are expected to reimburse the association's cost for cattle reserved for their entry(ies). Rider may only show again once they have recompensed TSCHA for this expense.
- ❖ All contestants must work at the appointed time so designated by the Show Management or be disqualified for that class or go-round with no score. If a contestant fails to work at the appointed time will receive no score for that class and must cover their entry fees, with the exception to extenuating circumstances.
- ❖ A contestant may substitute a horse in place of the injured horse, prior to the draw, provided that the same owner owns the horse to be substituted and all eligibility requirements are met. Show management must be notified.
- ❖ A rider shall not be allowed to abuse or mistreat any horse in any manner in the show arena or on the show grounds. Show Management and/or the Judge at an TSCHA approved event may disqualify a contestant if that contestant violates this rule, and any premiums owed to said contestant shall not be paid.

- ❖ Barking or unruly dogs are not permitted in the warmup or practice areas while an TSCHA cutting horse event is taking place. Dogs are not permitted under any circumstances in the show pen or show area of arena at any time during a TSCHA event. It is preferred and requested that dogs are always kept on a leash.
- ❖ After the start of any TSCHA show, any person in the working area in front of the Judge's stand must wear western attire, including a western hat, western boots, long sleeved shirt buttoned or snapped down the front, with collars, and with the sleeves rolled down. T-shirts and hooded sweatshirts are not permissible. Chaps are optional. Management of shows which are held outdoors may waive any part of the attire rule under extreme weather conditions. In the warmup or practice pen areas at a TSCHA approved show, long or short sleeved collared shirts as well as T-shirts are permissible. All other tank tops, sleeveless shirts, shorts or flip flops are NOT acceptable at any time while horseback in the warmup or practice pen areas of any show. Western hats or caps are optional in the warmup and practice pen areas. This rule will be monitored by show management.
- ❖ Short Clock: A contestant will be awarded a complete rework if, in the Judge's opinion, two and one-half (2 ½) minutes was not allotted for the work or if excessive disturbances had been created by factors other than those created by the Contestant or his/her help and the Judge has stopped the time. These factors would include gates coming open, fences falling down, and objects entering or falling in or near the working portion of the arena but would not apply to cattle scattering or normal arena activities. At the contestant's option, the rework may occur immediately or as the last work in that bunch of cattle. After a contestant has completed a two and one-half (2 ½) minute work, if in the contestant's opinion, a situation has occurred of sufficient seriousness to warrant a rerun, the contestant may immediately make a request for a rerun to the Judge via show management *before* leaving the working area and before the next horse works. If the judge agrees that due cause did exist, a rerun may be granted provided the original work was free of a three (3) or a five (5) point (major) penalty prior to the disturbance. Any rework must take place within the bunch of cattle drawn by the contestant and must occur before a change of cattle is executed. Reworks shall not be granted in the event a contestant's equipment breaks during a horse's performance.
- ❖ In the instance of Long Clock or No Clock, a rework will be automatically granted whether or not a major penalty has occurred.
- ❖ After the buzzer sounds, the contestant will discontinue working and ride his/her horse forward past the timeline before dismounting.
- ❖ If an indoor/rented facility is used, there will be a \$10 Arena Fee per rider/show charged at settlement.
- ❖ Any TSCHA member whose check given in connection with the exhibition of cutting horses is returned by the maker's bank shall result in the contestant being assessed a fee of \$50.00 per occurrence. Full restitution for the face value of the check plus the \$50.00 fee must be received within 30 days from date of notice. Exhibitor is responsible for all entry fees and/or related show expenses; they shall forfeit all winnings and points toward year end awards until full restitution, including all fees, are received. Failure to make full restitution, including all fees, within 30 days of date of notice will result in the suspension of all parties involved with the TSCHA. Suspension will be sustained until full restitution, including all fees, are received and reinstatement is granted by the TSCHA Board of Directors. This policy stands regardless of payment method.

- ❖ TSCHA point year is from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- ❖ If an Amateur or Non-Pro shows two different horses in the same class/herd, but on different days they will accrue *cumulative rider points*. This allows a rider to change horses mid-season for any reason.
- ❖ Cowhorse Snaffle Non-Pro class: if a rider elects to show two different horses in one class/herd at the same show, then the points will be kept separately on each horse/rider combination from that point on. Allowing a Non-Pro to show two horses in the same class on the same day gives them an opportunity for more show experience, but the points on horse/rider combination will be kept separately for the show season and rider must choose which horse to track points on for the year.
- ❖ Qualifications for year-end awards is based on participation and cumulative points throughout the show year. For any rider or horse to qualify for year-end awards, riders and horse owners must be a TSCHA member in good standing and must meet the following criteria: Compete in a minimum of three (3) shows during the point year. If class is determined on the horse's eligibility the horse must ridden to the herd and shown at least three (3) times.
- ❖ In 12 classes, there will be year-end awards given through fourth place. For the Ranch Horse and \$1,500 Novice Open classes, highest point earners at year-end will receive a buckle each. The Never Won A Buckle winner receives their buckle at the conclusion of the show.
- ❖ All TSCHA equine earnings are uploaded to Equistat following every show.

### **Graduating Classes**

- ❖ Ranch Horse – Year end winner does not graduate from class.
- ❖ \$2,000 Limit Rider – May ride in class until NCHA earnings meet or exceed this amount.
- ❖ \$500 Limit Rider – Year end winner earns a buckle and graduates from class.

### **Legal Guidelines**

- ❖ As of January 2022, TSCC is now a DBA: Treasure State Cutting Horse Association (TSCHA). We have maintained our 501c(7) non-profit status and TAX ID number. Donations are tax deductible and receipts are mailed to donors by our Treasurer.
- ❖ TSCHA maintains sufficient insurance coverage each year to cover all practices and shows.
- ❖ Our organization adheres to [MT Code § 27-1-725](#) and posts Liability signs at each show.